

McBean bags six as top Tigers kick away

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Glenelg just won't be denied. The Tigers took a desperate Norwood's best shot and responded like a terrific side to extend their stunning winning streak to 11 at The Parade on Saturday.

After being strongly challenged and leading by only six points early in the final quarter, Glenelg lifted to kick five of the next six goals to win by 30 points and consolidate top spot.

Displaying fierce determination and a strong will to win, it hasn't lost since round 1 on April Fool's Day and continues to firm as flag favourite.

"The game was on there, five minutes into the last quarter when there was just a goal in it, so credit to our boys for being able to find a way," Tigers coach Darren Reeves said.

"Our last quarters have been really strong and that was evident again. We were able to get on top around the ball, in the contest, and as a result were able to get things going our way."

"Norwood won a premiership for a reason last year and are still a quality side and to finish like we did was really pleasing."

In staving off Norwood's challenge, Glenelg put a big dent in the reigning premier's slim finals hopes.

The Redlegs had won their previous three games after shockingly losing their first eight but can afford few slip-ups in the run home to keep their flag defence alive.

So this result hurt. While Norwood was super competitive and had a red-hot

crack, the Tigers were simply too good.

After soaking up the home side's pressure – and premiership coach Jade Rawlings' men certainly brought the heat – the Bays flexed their muscles.

They broke the game open by kicking six unanswered goals in the first and second quarters to turn an eight-point deficit into a commanding 29-point lead.

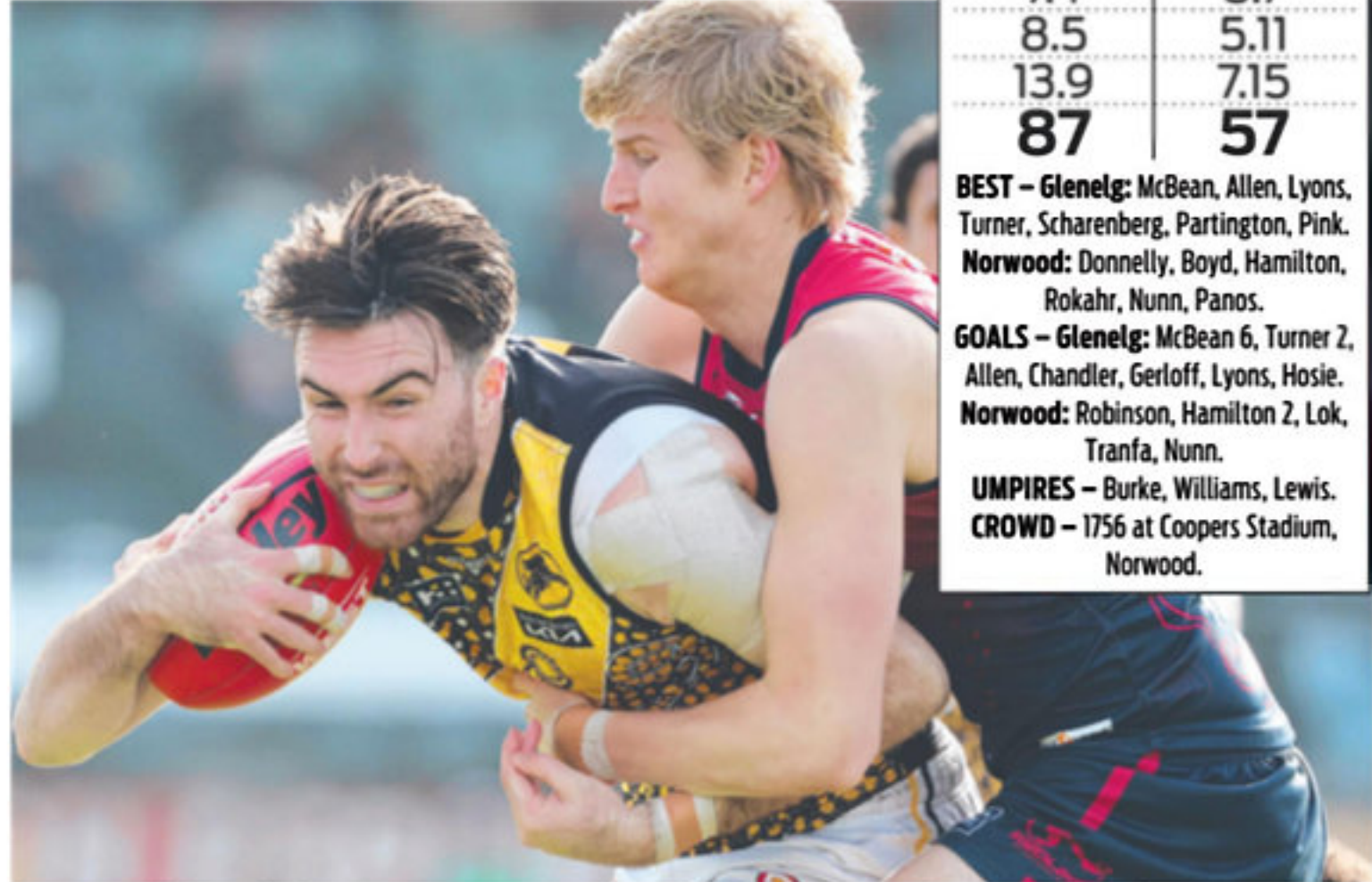
To the Redlegs' credit they kept coming and, for a brief moment early in the final term, gave themselves a chance of pulling off a shock upset. When Declan Hamilton goaled 70 seconds into the last quarter, the margin was only six points. But Glenelg, like it has done all year, found something under pressure.

Triple Ken Farmer Medalist Liam McBean was outstanding, kicking six of the Tigers' 13 goals and having 22 disposals, while Matt Allen continued his superb season with 28 disposals, 11 marks and a goal. Key defender Tom Donnelly, who restricted this year's leading SANFL goal-kicker Lachie Hosie to one goal, and ruckman Harry Boyd were Norwood's best.

Rawlings was pleased with his team's endeavour but lamented missed opportunities.

The Redlegs had the same amount of scoring shots as Glenelg but were inaccurate in front of the sticks, kicking 7.15.

"There was a lot to admire and respect from an endeavour perspective but we missed some opportunities we needed to take against a very strong team, which was quite frustrating," Rawlings said.



Six-goal Glenelg hero Liam McBean is tackled by Norwood's Jack Heard in the Tigers' impressive 30-point win on Saturday at The Parade. Picture: David Mariuz/SANFL

GLENELG V NORWOOD

3.2	2.4
7.4	3.7
8.5	5.11
13.9	7.15
87	57

BEST – Glenelg: McBean, Allen, Lyons, Turner, Scharenberg, Partington, Pink.
Norwood: Donnelly, Boyd, Hamilton, Rokahr, Nunn, Panos.
GOALS – Glenelg: McBean 6, Turner 2, Allen, Chandler, Gerloff, Lyons, Hosie.
Norwood: Robinson, Hamilton 2, Lok, Tranfa, Nunn.
UMPIRES – Burke, Williams, Lewis.
CROWD – 1756 at Coopers Stadium, Norwood.

RESERVES

GLENELG	3.1	6.4	10.6	14.8	(92)
NORWOOD	3.2	3.4	3.5	4.5	(29)
Goals: Glenelg: N Leck 4 J Yates 3 A Kilschke 2 N Sims H Stagg D Scott B Searle C Horsnell. Norwood: L Pascoe 2 H Allen H Strickland.					
Best: Glenelg: N Paredes A Cole J Moore H Stagg A Lovelock. Norwood: I Twelvetree Conor M Dnistriansky T Binder L Pascoe M Wilkins.					
	P	W	L	D	F
Glenelg	12	10	2	0	987
Central District	12	8	4	0	784
South Adelaide	12	7	4	1	805
Sturt	12	7	5	0	860
Eagles	12	5	7	0	819
Norwood	12	5	7	0	738
West Adelaide	12	3	8	1	616
North Adelaide	12	2	10	0	592
TORRENS UNIVERSITY SANFL UNDER 18S					
GLENELG	2.0	4.6	10.11	16.16	(112)
NORWOOD	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.2	(8)
Goals: Glenelg: C McAuliffe 2 A Moir 2 B Symonds 2 H Francis 2 B Ridgway 2 M Cornolo C Gluyas J Dutton A Clarke B Dewhurst E Redman. Norwood: Not provided.					
Best: Glenelg: H Francis B Ryan C McAuliffe B Symonds B Camporeale. Norwood: Not provided.					
TORRENS UNIVERSITY SANFL UNDER 16S					
GLENELG	2.6	7.8	8.12	9.13	(67)
NORWOOD	1.1	2.3	2.6	7.9	(51)
Goals: Glenelg: F Crouch 3 N McCarthy 2 I Coleman T Amber T Wilson T Alver. Norwood: Not provided.					
Best: Glenelg: H Hosking I Clothier T Alver M Hall P Hutchins. Norwood: Not provided.					

ADELAIDE V CENTRAL

3.2	1.3
8.6	2.3
11.9	3.5
15.14	5.6
104	36

BEST – Adelaide: Berry, Brown, Hatley, Crouch, Strachan, Parnell, Keane, McAdam. **Central:** McLennan, Dudley, Iles, Grant.
GOALS – Adelaide: McAdam 3, Newchurch, Gollant 2, Berry, Cook, Brown, Strachan, Sharrad, Tahana, Nankervis, Hamill. **Central:** Olsson 2, Presbury, Barreau, Lange.
UMPIRES – Hardy, Morgan, Sobieraj.
CROWD – 2561 at Centennial Park Oval, Nuriootpal.

PORT V EAGLES

2.2	3.1
6.4	5.4
10.5	8.4
13.10	8.4
88	52

BEST – Port: Mead, Dumont, Visentini, Duursma, Sinn, Burgoyne, Jackson.
Eagles: Sinor, Beattie, Ballenden, Williams, D'Aloia, Thompson, Rowe, Buck.
GOALS – Port: Evans 3, Barkla 2, Dumont, Mead, Carter, Scully, Visentini, Burgoyne, Short, Kirk. **Eagles:** Ballenden 3, D'Aloia, Stadojevic, Pearce, Rowe, Buck.
UMPIRES – Sboro, Galletly, Hughes.
CROWD – 1411 at Maughan Thiem Kia Oval, Woodville.

NORTH V SOUTH

2.3	1.4
2.6	1.7
5.7	2.10
6.9	3.12
45	30

BEST – North: Mayes, Combe, Gowers, Craig, Spina, Wilsdon. **South:** Davis, Brooksby, Haines, Mutch, Shillabeer, Sampson. **GOALS – North:** Wigg, Patmore, Hilder, Young, Mayes, McCann. **South:** Shillabeer 2, Wilkinson.
UMPIRES – Millar, Bown, Bennett.
CROWD – 815 at Flinders University Stadium, Noarlunga.

STURT V WEST

1.0	1.2
2.3	3.5
5.5	3.8
5.8	4.8
38	32

BEST – Sturt: Battersby, McFadyen, Doyle, Lewis, Coombas, Frederick.
West: J. Ryan, K. Ryan, Mattingly, Meline, Morrish, Park.
GOALS – Sturt: Burrows 2, Breuer, Grivell, Rentsch. **West:** Delahunty, Stevens, Johnson, Sinderberry.
UMPIRES – Scott, Packard, Harris.
CROWD – 1245 at Hisense Stadium, Richmond.

	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Pts	%
GLENELG	12	11	1	1075	667	22	61.71
STURT	12	10	2	804	753	20	51.64
ADELAIDE	12	8	4	1050	681	16	60.66
PORT	12	6	6	890	920	12	49.17
NORTH	12	6	6	729	814	12	47.25
CENTRALS	12	5	7	666	818	10	44.88
W-WT EAGLES	12	4	8	738	800	8	47.98
SOUTH	12	4	8	701	871	8	44.59
WEST	12	3	9	738	865	6	46.04
NORWOOD	12	3	9	645	847	6	43.23

COACH'S MATCH REPORT

GLENELG V NORWOOD – ROUND 12, 2023

Bays endure challenge at the Parade

COOPERSSTADIUM, Saturday 8th July, 2:10pm

Norwood	2.4	3.7	5.11	7.15	57
Glenelg	3.2	7.4	8.5	13.9	87

Goals: Liam McBean 6, Brett Turner 2, Matthew Allen, Will Chandler, Cole Gerloff, Lachie Hosie, Corey Lyons

Best: Liam McBean, Corey Lyons, Jonty Scharenberg, Matthew Allen, Brett Turner, Toby Pink

Disposals: M. Allen 28, C. Lyons 28, B. Turner 25, J. Scharenberg 23, D. Bailey 22, L. McBean 21, L. Partington 19

Magarey Medal: 3 – Liam McBean (Gl), 2 – Matthew Allen (Gl), 1 – Brett Turner (Gl)

Our round 12 clash with Norwood at The Parade shaped up to be arguably the biggest test we've had for several weeks. They have been playing as well as anyone over the last month, and while the first part of the season hadn't gone to plan, they still have the core nucleus of the premiership team from last year, with several of them playing very consistent football. We expected the game to played with high intensity and at a frantic pace, and that was what we got, despite some wet and slippery conditions at times throughout the day.

Even though we had a slight scoreboard advantage at quarter time, we hadn't played the type of football we were wanting to play. We were flat-footed and reactive for most part. Defensively we were able to scramble well and not allow too much scoreboard pressure, but offensively we played into Norwood's hands by settling for kicking down the line to contests consistently.

Our second quarter was much better, with a willingness to challenge by changing angles

and attacking the open side more often, allowing us to create scoring opportunities. Most of these opportunities were created by some control of the game around the contest which had been a big focus going into the game. We headed to the half time break with a 21-point lead which we felt was a solid position, but by no means a comfortable one.

The third quarter played out much like the first. To Norwood's credit, they were desperate and energised and had the better of us in most aspects throughout the quarter. As we had done, we were able to scramble and hold on reasonably well and not concede too much on the scoreboard. The ability to scrap through periods when the momentum is against us is an area that has been pleasing as the season progresses. That being the case, it was important for us to respond.

The last quarter didn't start how we wanted, as we conceded the first goal to make it a one goal game. Full credit to the playing group from that point on though, as

they got control of the game again with some strong football to finish off with a five-goal win. We can take some big positives out of how we were able to respond, for it shows some real maturity and belief in the group.

After a slow start for our Reserves group, conceding the first three goals of the game, they were able to click into gear and play some strong football in the conditions they faced. While the group's ability to hit the scoreboard continues to be strong, from a coaching perspective, the group's growth in the team defence all over the ground is most pleasing. To only concede one more goal late in the fourth quarter after that point is an outstanding effort. As a club, we are thrilled with the development and the consistency right throughout. There are several players really pushing their cases strongly, which is great for the now and for the future. Well done to all in the group.

– Darren Reeves, Senior Coach
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MY TWO CENTS



with Andrew Capel

EYE OF THE TIGER

From AFL scrapheap to SANFL stardom

“HE’S a phenomenal player, without question the best key forward in Australia outside the AFL.”

With those words, Glenelg coach Darren Reeves summed up his triple Ken Farmer Medallist Liam McBean.

In an AFL era where current SANFL players struggle for recognition, the 202cm McBean is carving out a stellar state league career that is starting to put his name alongside club greats.

Glenelg is renowned for producing star goalkickers, including legendary SANFL full forwards Fred Phillis, who is the club’s all-time leading goalkicker with 869, Jack Owens (827) and Colin Churchett (556).

SANFL games record holder Peter Carey booted 521 goals in 448 games for the Tigers as a key forward/ruckman from 1971-88 while a young Stephen Kernahan tore up the local league, kicking 290 goals in 136 games from 1981-85 before joining AFL club Carlton and becoming a club great and an Australian Football Hall of Fame member.

With all due respect to McBean, he is no Carey, Phillis or Kernahan.

But he is taking on club legend status.

The former Richmond forward, who kicked only one goal in his five AFL matches strewn across two seasons in 2015-16 after being selected at pick 33 at the 2012 national draft from the Calder Cannons, last Saturday rose to equal-16th on Glenelg’s all-time goalkicker list.

His six goals against premier Norwood at The Parade took him to 255 in 105 games since making his SANFL league debut against Port Adelaide in round one, 2017, when he also booted six majors.

In the next few weeks he could leapfrog a handful of former Tigers

stars, including Frank Burt (255), former captain and president Nick Chigwidden (257) and 1973 premiers heroes Rex Voigt and Neville Caldwell (258).

But the 28-year-old is more than just an ace goalsneak.

He is a heart and soul player who oozes selflessness.

“Liam is an incredible leader of men and people in general,” Reeves noted.

“His ability to get around everyone, whether you are a league footballer or playing your first game for the footy club, is his greatest strength.

“His football is outstanding but his ability to be able to connect is number one. He takes all the interstate boys out for tea or breakfast regularly, he runs our Thursday night dinner club and drives a lot of things that we are as a football club.

“And he’s the first one to celebrate someone else’s success.”

McBean’s unselfishness was evident when he gifted former Eagle Connor McLeod his first Glenelg goal in his Tigers debut against Central District in round 11.

After darting around several opponents, McBean was running into an open goal when he noticed McLeod unmarked in the goalsquare and handpassed to him.

It has been the story of his Glenelg career.

While Reeves rates McBean as Australia’s best state league key forward, he has shunned the AFL in recent years, not nominating for the mid-season draft when there has been interest in him.

He has



Liam McBean is tackled by Norwood's Jack Heard.

Liam McBean celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal during the Tigers' Round 12 win over Norwood at Norwood Oval on Saturday. Picture: David Mariuz/SANFL



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mixed feelings about his four years spent on Richmond’s list and is loving his work-life balance in the SANFL, pointing to a life-changing moment in 2018 when - after just one year at the Bay - he travelled overseas for five months with then teammate Brad Agnew before realising how much he missed the game.

“In my first year in the SANFL I was probably debating whether I wanted to have another go at the AFL,” McBean said.

“I was 22 and probably a bit bitter after being delisted, although I didn’t hold a grudge towards Richmond, which went on to enjoy a very successful era.

“It was hard and I would have loved to have played more AFL games but at that stage of my life I

probably wasn’t mature enough to comprehend what it took to be a successful AFL player.

“When I went overseas I didn’t anticipate coming back to football but I found that little drive was still there and believed that I still had something to give the game.

“Upon returning to Australia I realised the AFL dream was no longer a motivating factor for me but I was at the crossroads and contemplated whether to go home to Melbourne and potentially play in the VFL and rebuild a life there.

“But I had built such great connections with people at Glenelg and felt it provided a stable environment for me to flourish and I wanted to help deliver it some deserved success.”

The rest is history.

In his first year back, McBean helped Glenelg snap a 33-year premiers drought.

He won the first of three consecutive Ken Farmer Medals and last year captained the state team.

He has been in the Tigers leadership group for the past three years and relishes his work-life balance, which includes long-time partner Amber and working as manager of software and infrastructure at EGM Partners.

“I love the balance I now have in my life, it has brought the best out of me,” said McBean, who appropriately wears the prized No. 1 guernsey at Glenelg, which sits top this season with an 11-1 win-loss record.

“At Richmond, admittedly when I was a lot younger and immature, my whole life